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ITU DSYG BUTLER OFFERED MISSION FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON

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THREE POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH MAY ARISE AT 30TH ADMIN

COUNCIL, JUNE 7-27:

1. SOUTH AFRICA'S OUSTER: BUTLER NOTED THAT WITH ITS 1974 ARREARAGE, SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION BEFORE 30TH AC WILL BE MOST VULNERABLE. AS IT HAS ADHERED TO LAUSANNE CONVENTION OF 1974 SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT MUST PAY ITS DUES. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT 29TH COUNCIL DECIDED THAT SYG WOULD CONTINUE TO SEND DOCUMENTS, CONTRIBUTORY UNIT BILLINGS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL COUNCIL DECIDED OTHERWISE. BUTLER FEARS THAT BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA HAD MADE NO GESTURE TO PAY ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITU SINCE LAST COUNCIL, AN EFFORT MAY WELL BE MADE BY AF MEMBERS TO OUST SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE ITU.

COMMENT: US MEMBER SHOULD HAVE POSITION PAPER ON THIS ISSUE. BY RESOLUTION NO 31, MALAGA-TORREMOLINOS CONFERENCE EXCLUDED SOUTH AFRICA FROM FUTURE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCES AND ALL OTHER ITU CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS. CONFERENCE ALSO RULED THAT SOUTH AFRICA NEVERTHELESS REMAINED A "DE JURE" MEMBER OF THE ITU, A POSITION WHICH THE US, UK AND USSR SUPPORTED. IT HAD BEEN HOPED SOUTH AFRICA WOULD MAKE SOME FINANCIAL PAYMENT IN 1974-5 TO PROTECT ITS "DE JURE" MEMBERSHIP IN ITU. TO DATE THERE IS NO INDICATION SA GOVERNMENT WILL DO SO. IT HOLDS TO POSITION THAT SOUTH AFRICA (UNDER TERMS OF OLD MONTREUX CONVENTION) IS RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TOWARD UNION FOR SO LONG AS SA IS FORBIDDEN TO TAKE PART IN ITU CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS.

2. CYPRUS GOVERNMENT COMPLAINT: FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF ITU CIRCTEL NO B34, APRIL 11, 1975, THE GOVT OF CYPRUS SENT LETTER TO 30TH ADMIN COUNCIL CALLING COUNCIL'S ATTENTION TO ALLEGED VIOLATION OF ITU RADIO REGS BY GOVT OF TURKEY IN THAT LATTER IS ANNOUNCING USE OF GOC'S ITU-REGISTERED TRANSMITTERS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OF GOC. CYPRIOT COMPLAINT ASKS COUNCIL TO CONSIDER 1) IF TURKISH ADMINISTRATION IS CAPABLE OF OFFERING ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES NEEDED IN TURKISH ZONE OF CYPRUS NOW? AND 2) IF IT IS LEGAL FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TURKEY TO UTILIZE TURKISH CYPRIOT FACILITIES TO BROADCAST TURKISH (MAINLAND) TV PROGRAMS?

COMMENT: RECOMMEND US MEMBER SUPPORT RESOLUTION "NOTING" COMPLAINT OF GOC. ITU HAS NO POLICING AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE RADIO REGULATIONS AND ISSUE IS ESSENTIALLY A POLITICAL ONE WHICH SHOULD BE SETTLED BY UN OR BY INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATION AT VIENNA.

IF RESOLUTION IS PROPOSED CONDEMNING GOT FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF ITU RADIO REGULATIONS, RECOMMEND US ABSTAIN AGAIN ARGUING ALONG ABOVE LINES.

3. ISRAELI ISSUE: "ILLEGAL ACTION BY ISRAEL IN LINKING ARAB VILLAGE (NEAR JERUSALEM) WITH ITS TELE-COMMUNICATION NETWORK": 29TH AC VOTED RESOLUTION NO 742/(21-0-13(US)) CALLING ON ISRAEL TO COMPLY WITH RELEVANT UNGA AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND "TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY MEASURES AND ACTIONS WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE INTEGRATION OF ARAB-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WITHIN ISRAEL'S ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES." GOI HAS NOT REPLIED TO SYG'S LETTER COMMUNICATING THIS RESOLUTION TO ISRAEL. DSYG BUTLER IS THEREFORE FEARFUL THAT IF COUNCIL TAKES CONDEMNATORY ACTION IN CASE OF TURKS IN CYPRUS IT MAY WELL DO SAME WITH REFERENCE TO ISRAELI ACTION LINKING ARAB VILLAGE SUBURBS OF JERUSALEM WITH ISRAELI TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. IT IS EVEN POSSIBLE PROMOTERS OF 1974 RESOLUTION (ALGERIA, LEBANON, SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND MOROCCO) MAY CALL FOR OUSTER OF ISRAEL FROM ITU FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH AC RESOLUTION.

COMMENT: US POSITION TAKEN AT 29TH AC THAT "IN LIGHT OF ON-GOING EFFORTS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ISSUE BY TECHNICAL BODIES SUCH AS THE ITU NOT ONLY HAMPERS THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS BUT ALSO UNDERMINES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION IN ITS FIELD OF EXPERTISE" WOULD APPEAR EQUIVALLY VALID IN JUNE 1975, SHOULD ISRAELI ISSUE ARISE IN FORM ANTICIPATED.

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